FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYWANIA

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John Cleary Plaintiff

CIVIL ACTION No. 1: CU-00-21:

(Judge Caldwell)

Kenneth Kyler, et. al., Desfendants FILED HARRISBURG, PA

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Maintiff's Brief in Objection to Defendant's motion to dismiss.

The Plaintiff, pro se prisoner John Cleary, does hereby move in this court pursuant Fed. R. Civ. P., to dismiss the Defendant's motion to dismiss the plaintiffs' complaint, for the reasons, set forth in foregoing Brief in Objection to Desendants motion to dismiss.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff respectfully requests that the defendant's motion is dismissed with prejudice.

lespectfully Submitted,

John Cleary * 0F5779 Po Box 99901 Pitts burgh, Pa 15233

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

John Cleary, Plaintiff

CIVILACTION NO. CV:-00-2125 (Judge Caldwell)

Kenneth Kyler, ET. AL. Defendants

> Plaintiff's Brief in Objection to Defendant's Motion to dismiss.

1. Statement of the case:

This is a civil rights action initiated by John Cleary (Plaintiff), a prisoner currently confined at state Corrections Institution at Pittsburgh (SCI-Pittsburgh) and formerly confined at the Special Management Unit (S.M.u. at (S.C.I. Camphill). the defendants include former Superintendent Kenneth Kyler, former S.M.U. unit Manager William S. Ward, and former mail room supervisor, Howard Inschweiler.

housed in the SM.U. at Camphill between October 10, 1997, until but a brief period in the Metal Health Unit (M.H.U) at Graterford between July 7, 1999 and returned to SCI- Camphill on August 27, 1999 (complaint at 98)

The plaintiff was transferred to the M.H.U. at Frackville on August 30, 1999 (complaint at 99). The plaintiff was then transferred to the Forensic Treatment Center (F.T.C) wayment on September 29, 1999 (complaint 910) The plaintiff was treated at F.T.C. Waymart from September 29, 1999, until December 27, 1999 (complaint at 911).

the plaintiff states that the defendants intentionally an maliciously withheld legal mail, religious mail containing religion books, and a personal letter from a friend. Five pieces of mail known to the plaintiff at the time of this complaint, illegally withheld by the defendants (complaint at 91912-42).

The plaintiff states that the legal mail was postmarked

December 5, 1997, and recreved on November 12, 1999 (19912-15; complaint)
(see plaintiff's exhibit * 001 attached).

The plaintiff states that the personal letter was postmar August 12, 1998, and recreved on November 15, 1999 (Complaint at 1 (see plaintiffs exhibit # 002 attached).

the plaintiff states that the two religious packages containing religious books; First, from House of Yahush, was postmark June 4,1998, the Second, from Yahush's New Government Assembly, was postma November 30, 1998, and was recieved on Movember 16, 1999 (Complaint at 933) (see plaintiff's exhibits **003 and 004 attached

the plaintiff states that the religious books from Hizmert Religious Books Inc was postmarked November 20, 1998, and recieved on November 23, 1999 (complaint at 419141-42) See plaintiff exhibit x 005 attached)

The plaintiff filed on official grievance (DC-804) *CAM-0260-00, on April 13, 2000, to SCI.-Campbill. (see plaintiff exhibit * 006 attached)

The plaintiff recreved an initial response to this grievance supra, on June 29, 2000. (see plaintiff exhibit *00 The Plaintiff filed an appeal to defendant Kyler of the initial response on June 29, 2000 (see plaintiffs' exhibit

The plantiff recieved a response to his appeal to defendant Lyler, which was answered by Martin L. Dragovich, the instant superintendent at S.C.I. Camphill on July 14, 2000 See Plaintiff's ethibit * 009 attached

The plaintiff filed an appeal to the Cheif Hearing

Examinar of the Department of Corrections (0.0.C.) on July 14, 2000 (See plaintiff's exhibit *010 attached).

*008 attached).

The plantiff recioved a response to his appeal of final decision to the dutet having examiner, Roberts. Bitner on August 20,2000. (see plaintiffs exhibit *011 attached).

The plaintiff initiated this action on December 7,2000.

11. Statement of issues presented

1. SHOWD THE PLAINTIFFS COMPLAINT BE DISSMISSED IN PA UNDER APPLICABLE TWO-YEAR STATUE OF LIMITATIONS? suggested answer: NO.

2. SHOULD THE PLAINTIFF'S ACCESS TO THE COURT CLA BE DISMISSED, SINCE HE STATES THAT HE HAD COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL?

suggested Answer: NO

3. SHOULD THE PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM OF CRUEL AND UNUS PUNISHMENT BE DENIED, SINCE THE WITHHELD MAIL DIVERSE IN NATURE (LEGAL, RELIGIOUS, AND PERSONAL) AND CONTINUOUS (FROM DECEMBER 5, 1999, AND NOVEMBER 3 suggested Answer: NO

4 SHOULD THE PLAINTIFF'S RELIGIOUS FREEDOM CLAIM DISMISSED, SINCE HE STATES THAT THE DEFENDE WITHHOLDING OF SAID RELIGIOUS MAIL CAUSED THE PLAINTIFF TO BE ABLE TO STUDY, AND INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE, AND FAITH IN HIS RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, I PLACTICES?

Suggested Answer: NO

III. Argument.

1. When evaluating a motion to dismiss, the court accept all material as true (allegations of the complaint) and con all inferences in light most favorable to the plaintiff. Scho Rhoades, 416 U.S. 232, 236(1974).

2. In Commonwealth ex rel. Lindsley V. Robinson, 30 Pa committed, 96, 372 And. 1258 (1977), this court did recognize that prison officials do have a duty not to interfere with those constitutional rights-that a prisoner possesses.

A. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

3 the plaintiff demonstrates by documented record of the D.O.C. defendants have withheld legal, priveleged, a non-priveleged mail, violating his constitutional rights

4. The policy (DC-ADM 803) and procedure, IV Definition of M. (Privileged Correspondence) I. (Facility Mail Distribution System) V. (Policy) and VI. (Procedures), at B. Priveleged Correspondence which Lades:

1. Mail addressed to an inmate that is identified as priveleged correspondence shall only be opened and inspected for contraband in the presence of the inmate except as provider in Section VI(0) (2), (ie. Section D. Security)

Therefore, defendants, knowingly, intentionally, maticiously, and willingly withheld legal and non-legal mail, maticiously, and willingly withheld legal and non-legal mail, not only violating plaintiff's constitutional rights, also not only violating department policy and procedure. Defendants violating department policy and procedure. Defendants dearly and continuously deprived plaintiff of a feolial dearly and continuously deprived plaintiff of a feolial and state constitutional Fight, from October 1997

until December of 1999, and plaintiff had no knowledge of the actions of the detendants until the delivery of the mail was executed in November 1999.

B. ACCESS TO THE COURTS

The Supreme Court of the United States has held that

Prison officials must, assist in mates in the preparation and filing of meaningful legal papers by providing Prisoners with adequate law libraries or adequate assistance from persons trained in the law "Gluth v. Kang 173 F. Supp. 1309, 1311 (D. Arz. 1988) (untrained inmate and/or inmate legal assistance did not provide adequate access) affid, 95 F.2d. 1504 (9th Cr.1991)

1. Sixth and First Amendments (u.s.c.) complete dense of the means to prepare a defense of unjustified interferen with the preparation, is unconstitutional. Mann V. Smith, 796, 83-84 (5th cir 1996) (access to court appointed defense lawyers who redused to persue a civil orights claimed of not satisfy the court access requirement).

Q. Communication with Atlaneys, courts and

The United States Sepreme Court States;

begin lations and practices that unjustifiably obstruct the availability of professional representation. are invalid. Prisoners are entitled to unobstructed and confidential communication with courts and with afformers and their assistants. This right is NOT limited to those already represented by an afformer, but extends equally to prisoners seeking any form of legal advice or assistance Ex parte Hull, 312 U.S. 546, 549, 6/S.C.f. 640 (1941). (Striking down regulation permitting prison officials to screen prisoners submissions to court)

c. Cruel and Unusual Punishment

Plaintiff oversthe following in reference to each individual defendant by action, in action, and name;

1. Kenneth Kyler (superintendent);

An unreasonable risk in a supervisory liability case will be shown by evidence that such harm has in fact occured on numerous occassions.

2. William S. Ward (s.m. U. Unit Manager)

This record will support a finding that the chain of command, remedies provided by the department of Gorrections

were alone insufficient to meet the requirements of policy, procedure, and access to court claims.

3. Howard Inschweiter, (mailroom Supervisor);

Briefly, the record shows that an official charged with the responsibility of hearing a prisoner's complaints to mail, access, and redress to court refer complaints to the Unit Manager (in this case william 5. Ward) and to the Super intendent (in this case Kenneth Kyler) or designee to maintain a file on such complaints to make sure they recieve allower. . nortuello

D. Religious Freedon

The United States Supreme Court States;

to be protected by the Free exercise clause, believe must neet two requirements: they must be religious, and the must be sincerly held. Africa v. Commonwealth of Pennsy Vania 62 F2d 1025, 1032 (3rd cir 1981) Cert den, 456 4.5. 908 (1982); see also Alabama and Coushatta Tribes V. Big Sardy Sch. Dist, 817F. 1319, 1329 (E.D.Tex. 1993) "whenever a belief system encompasses Sundemental questions of the nature of reality and relations

of human beings to reality, it deals with essentially religious questions!

Duties and Constitutional deprivation of:

Each destendant has a duty to comply with the united States' and Pennsylvania's constitution.

1. If a prison official know that, given his borner job description or role he or she has assumed in the administration of the prison, a problem will not likely be resolved unless he for she addresses it or refers it to others, it is far more likely that the requisite a titiade will be present.

2. The record supports the determination that

each defendant, in conspiracy, actors within character of a scheme to haven the plaintist has effected the harm and in the face of well established law in the United States (and the state of Pennsylvania), and continues to show deliberate in difference to the plaintiff's predicament.

3. When an official authorizes constitutionally inadequal procedures, the officials liability is not negated by a showing that he for she did not intend to deprive the plaintiff of any constitution right or law (common law, Practice and procedure included

4. Any state-of-mind requirements of the access to courts claim is satisfied when and if the official (as the defendants have) authorizes a system with the intention that it will operate to deprive persons of liberty life, or property, whether or not he/orshe intends the deprivat to be with or without due process of law.

5. Evidence of the record demonstrates that the administrative process was required by the due process clause in a case of this Kind. Although plaintiffs complaint did not recieve meaningful consideration and was in fact, ignered by the relevant defendants, government officials.

6. Similarly, deliberate indifference to a Known risk supports by evidence, that the supervisory officials, (delendants) failed to respond appropriatly in the face of an awareness of a patern of such injuries. The desendants were aware of such incidents.

7. As in the instant case, there are situations in which the risk of constitutionally cognizable harm is so great and so obvious that the risk and the failure of the existence of an unreasonable risk, and of indifference to it, are, can, and will be outweighed, as in the instant case, in an established pattern of constitutional injuries it become particularly important for a total court or jury finding for the defendants to explain the basis for its interference in the plaintiffs tower, on all of the issues.

8. Once an official (government or public employee)

denies and/or deprives a constitutionally protected right, under the "Color of law", the cloak of immunity breaks down (partial and qualified and he and or she becomes liable to a action of law, preferably 42 u.s.c. \$1983 et. seq.

- a) The relevant law is and was clearly and firmly established at all times during defendants actions;
- b) Judgement for plaintiff on the merits because of the factual disputes; and
 - c) Because the officials (defendants) response to the plaintiffs chaims were highly un reasonable, thence forth, motion to dismiss/summary judgement should be devied. Richardson v. Knight, 521 U.S 399 (1977).

Public intrest is best served when all persons (including prisone enjoy unimported access to courts; Bounds v. Smith, 430 US. 171 with the pleadings and petitioner compliance of defendants request for discovery, the plaintiff avers 97, supra, according that the has in his litigation stated a cognizable claim

cause of action, relief, and remedy.

wherefore, plaintiff moves for a denial of defendants motion to dismiss/summary judg ment, and motion for trial (ie relief/remedy of relief, settlement)

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SIGNED: John Cleary DF5779

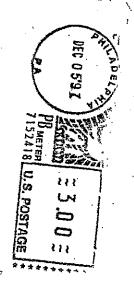
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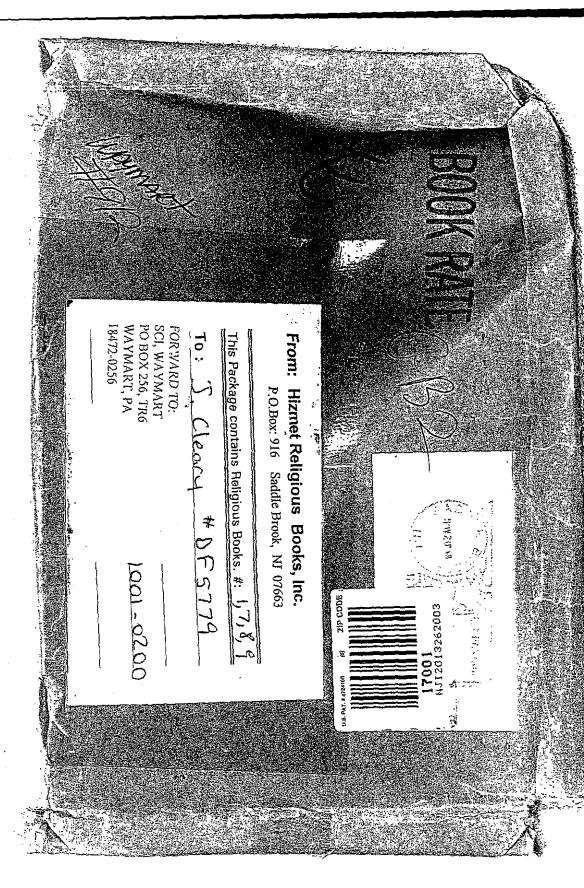
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS P.O. BOX 598 CAMP HILL, PA. 17001-0598

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OFFICIAL INMATE GRIEVANCE	GRIEVANCE NO. (1727-0260-CE
TO: GRIEVANCE COORDINATOR. Ben Livingcool	S.C.). Ramphill DATE 4/3/00
FROM: (Commitment Name & Number)	INMATE'S SIGNATURE
WORK ASSIGNMENT	OUARTERS ASSIGNMENT
INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Refer to the inmate handbook Page-12 and DC-ADM 8 2. State your grievance in Block A in a brief and understa 3. Next, you are required to list in Block B the specific ac include the identity of staff members you have contact	andable manner. tions you have taken to resolve this matter. Be sure to
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B. Actions taken and staff you have confacted before submitting this grieval	noe:
I wrote a letter to Cenn at Camphill and have	recieved no response.
Your grievance has been received and will be processed in accordance with	DC-ADM 804.
	Maintiff's Exhibit 11/17/on

Signature of Grievance Coordinator

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Plaintiff's Exhibit

Plantiff's Exhibit * 00%

June 29, 2000

1. Cleary *DF5779 Box 92901 Pithsburgh, Pa 15233

Kenneth Kyler; Superintendent 2500 Lisburn Rd, Box 200 Comphill, Pa 17001-0200

Mr. Kyler,

Twould like to appeal this initial arievance decision to your office upon approval from the Facility Manager/Regional Director for an extention of time for appeal as specified in DCADM 804-4, effect

May 1, 1998. my 1st and 14th amendment rights were violated by your mail room supervisor, Mr. Howard, Inschweiter, who intentionally, and maliciously withheld my legal mai for 23 molths, and I lost a decision in my civil action as a result of Mr. Inschweiler with holding mg legal mail. I had a substantial stake in the out come of my civil action, which I've lost as a

direct result of Mr. Inschweiler's actions.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill

DATE:

July 5. 2000

SUBJECT:

Appeal to Superintendent

Grievance No. CAM-0260-00

TO:

John Cleary DF-5779

SCI-Pittsburgh

FROM:

Murtin L. Dragovich

Superintendent

Receipt of your Appeal to Superintendent of Grievance CAM-0260-00 is acknowledged. In preparing this response, I have reviewed your original grievance, the grievance officer's response, and your appeal to this office.

Your request to have a grievance appeal extension granted in this matter is denied. While DC-ACM 804 allows for an extension for good reason, you have provided none. Your first level response from the Business Manager is dated April 20 and it is now July 5. Absent any compelling reason to grant you an extension, your request must be denied. Additionally, please note that I am not in a position to grant you the compensation you have requested in the amount of \$10,000 for not receiving your mail in a timely fashion.

Based on the foregoing, your appeal is denied.

MLD/lp

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Deputy Novotney

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Mr. Gimble

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Plantiff's Exhibit

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Plaintiff'S Exhibit *010 July 14, 2000 PiHsburgh, R 15233 Chief Hearing Examiner 1451 5. Market st. Dear Hearing Examiner, This appeal is Fleid in response to the superintendent of comphile I requested an extention of time pursuant DCADM 404-4 (may 1, 1998). As explained in my appeal to superintendent, I had believed that the campbill mail room supervisor, Howard Inschweiter ho violated my 1st & 14th amendment rights by withholding my mail for 23 months, and it took several weeks to schedule a library slot in accordance with the SCI Pitsburgh rules, and the research time necessari to identify a violation of my constitutional rights by Howard Inschweiler and whether or not to pursue this if indeed I had found a violation of my rights. with all due respect to this office, as a good faith effort to resolve this mat without the tederal courts, I request \$10,000,00 as Compens for damages incurred, as noted in the record of this Sincerly ac: NTC/vel

Plaintiff's Exhibit

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS 1451 N. MARKET STREET ELIZABETHTOWN, PA 17022

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF HEARING EXAMINER

July 31, 2000

John Cleary, DF-5779 SCI Pittsburgh

Re:

DC-ADM 804 - Final Review Grievance No. CAM-0260-00

Dear Mr. Cleary:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your appeal to final review of the above numbered grievance.

In accordance with the provisions of DC-ADM 804, VI D, as amended effective November 1, 1997, I have reviewed the entire record of this grievance; including your initial grievance, the Grievance Officer's response, your appeal from initial review and the Superintendent's response. I have also carefully reviewed the issues you raise to final review.

Upon completion of this review, it is the decision of this office to uphold the responses provided by staff at the institutional level. I find the issues raised for final review have been addressed by the Grievance Coordinator and the Superintendent, and their responses are reasonable and appropriate.

I concur with the responses already provided at the institution level. Accordingly, your appeal to final review must be denied.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Bitner

Chief Hearing Examiner

RSB.bjk

pc:

Superintendent Johnson

Superintendent Dragovich

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

John Cleary Plaintiff

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1: CV-00-2125 (Judge Caldwell)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am this day depositing in the U.S. mail a true and correct copy of the foregoing Plaintiff's Brief In objection to the Defendant's motion to dismiss, upon the persons) and manner indicated below:

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> John Ollary *DF5779 Ro Dox 99961 RHSburgh, Pa 15233 Ro Se Prisoner

Dated: 4/20/01

April 20,2001

John Clear *DF Po Box 99901 Pitts bugh, Pa 152

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bear Clark of Courts,

Enclosed, Please find the plaintiff's Brief in objection to the defendant's motion to dismiss, plaintiff exhibits in support of the brief, proposed order, and certificated service to the defendants afterney, and defendant Inschweile

Enclosures

cc: File

Sincerly,

John Cleary 0F5779 Pro Se Prisoner